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**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2006  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING**

A meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:39 p.m., Chair Katz presiding. Commissioners present: Alster, Edens and Marraffa. Commissioners absent: Schlichting and Sesma. Staff present: City Manager Humpton, Planner Patula, City Attorney Borten and Administrative Assistant Stokes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Alster, seconded by Commissioner Marraffa, that the minutes of a Historic District Commission meeting held March 20, 2006, be approved.

Vote: 4-0

**POLICY DISCUSSION**

**HD-31, Historic Designation of the Housely/Gaither House at 106 North Summit Avenue**

Planner Patula gave a brief overview of the review process. She stated that a joint public hearing was held on HD-31, with both the Historic District Commission and Planning Commission on March 20, 2006. She further stated that the Planning Commission record closed on March 28, 2006. On April 5, 2006, the Planning Commission recommended "against historic designation to the Historic District Commission, and, acknowledging HPAC's findings, the (Planning) Commission further recommended preservation of the structures either by incorporation into future redevelopment or relocation." Mrs. Patula stated that the Historic District Commission record closed on April 13, 2006 and the Commission has to determine if the site meets the criteria for historic designation as a local historic site.

She gave highlights from the staff's analysis which consists of background such as the applicant, owner, location of the property, legal description, date of construction, zoning history, physical condition/description of the property, master plan consideration, history ownership, chronology of HD-31 record, also staff evaluation which consist of a recommendation for approval and supporting considerations. She stated that the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) recommended historic designation of the house based on criteria within City Code §24-226. HPAC also recommended that the historic designation not hinder future development.

Motion was made by Historic District Commissioner Marraffa, seconded by Commissioner Alster, directing staff to prepare a resolution denying HD-31, historic designation of the Housely/Gaither House at 106 North Summit Avenue.

Vote: 4-0

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Historic District Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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### RECONVENED HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AT 7:52 P.M. TO AMEND THE MOTION DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION DENYING HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF HD-31

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City Attorney Borten asked that the Historic District Commission motion to deny indicate that it is based on its findings and criteria and the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The Historic District Commission concurred that the motion be amended directing staff to prepare a resolution for denial, stating that HD-31 does not meet the following criteria for historic designation: Section 24-226(b)(1) Historical and Cultural Significance (connection to historic family extremely extenuated) and Section 24-226(b)(2) Architectural and Design Significance (comparison to other homes in the City, the Arts and Crafts style home is not unique) and based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Alster asked that the home be properly documented with pictures and any artifacts, if a permit is issued for demolition.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Historic District Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Doris R. Stokes**

Administrative Assistant